

Colchester Dog Park Sub-committee Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2009
7:00pm
Town Hall

Attendance: Keith Kelly, Amanda Nelson, Tom Nelson, Ginny Rogowski, Janice Felciano, Carol Small, Jay Cohen, and Kirk Pelletier,

1. Call meeting to order – 7:04 pm.
2. Citizen Comments – None
3. Minutes – October Minutes approved
4. Treasurer Report – To date \$30,784.39, Bricks sold – 34 small, 15 large = \$3000.
Dog walk brought in \$4270 before expenses. Other expenses were the dog owners letters.
5. Marketing Report – Tom Nelson contacted Bacon Academy Marketing Class and Beverly said they are all set for this semester. Maybe next semester. Tom will give them our goals and what we have done. Maybe they can help with the 5K Run in the spring. Also, we need to start thinking about reaching out to the surrounding communities.
6. Site
 - a. Jay Cohen will be sending out the Parks and Rec crew to mow and cut down brush. Keith spoke to Kurt an engineer with the BSC Group working at the Fed. Church and he volunteered to help us with the 9% grade, amount of fill needed, etc. He may have fill for us at a low cost. The committee approved Keith Kelley to go ahead with this purchase. We will have to get a purchase order thru Jay Cohen.
 - b. QVEA is an organization of engineers and farmers from Zagray Farms. Tom Nelson is working with them to see if they can help with the road as they have all the equipment.
 - c. Keith Kelley proposed a Clean up of the Dog Park site on Nov 21st starting at 9AM. Rain date will be Dec. 5th. He will send out an email to both groups for volunteers. The transfer station will be open from 7:30-3:30. There is a need for trailers and trucks to move the 'junk'
 - d. Keith will be doing a RFP (request for proposal) for our fence.
7. Events
 - a. Amanda has not heard back from Photo Connections about the possibility of dog photos with Santa. Carol Small will follow up.
 - b. Carol Small suggested the possibility of a wine and cheese party with the local vineyard and cheese shop. Ginny will look into it.
 - c. Jay suggested a 'gold' party. We would sponsor a vendor to come in any buy used gold.
 - d. Can Kathy Noel look into the Dog Park sponsoring a school dance?
 - e. Amanda Nelson would like to take over the planning of the Grand Opening.
 - f. We should also have a "party" and press coverage for the Ground Breaking.
 - g. We discussed an Easter Egg Hunt for Dogs. Glastonbury had one last year and it is fairly simple. Dogs are \$10 each and they can hunt eggs that are scattered. Inside eggs are treats, coupons, etc. We could sell donuts, coffee, hot cocoa, etc. Concerns are that Easter is early this year (Apr. 4th) and what site could we use. Ginny and Janice will work on this further.
 - h. Carol asked if anyone knows a motorcycle group. These groups are very successful at raising money for a cause.
 - i. We plan on participating with the Tag Sale on the Green next June.
8. Bricks – Kirk Pelletier will ask Heather to update the site to include the images. There is a press release about the bricks in the upcoming Colchester Connection. Amanda will also do press releases to the Reminder and River East about the bricks.

9. Other Business –

- a. Carol suggested that we send out Thanksgiving cards to our major donors. Amanda and Tom will work on this.
- b. Keith will make a large sign saying “The Future Home of the Colchester Dog Park.” Tom and Amanda will do the fine art painting.
- c. The committee approved to keep the same meeting night for 2010. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month.

10. Next Meeting – will not be on Dec. 8th.

We will be having a special meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 15th and it will be a holiday potluck supper for the committee. This will be held at Carol Small’s house, 32 Colchester Commons. More information will follow via email.

11. Adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Submitted by: Carol Small